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INDUSTRIES RECOVERING IN AMERICA

Slight, But Definite,
Turn For Better.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT APPEALS
FOR HIGHER WAGES

Government Co-operation

Washington, To-day.

The past few weeks have witnessed a slight, but definite, turn for better in most industries, declared President Roosevelt in a speech to the United States Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The President stressed the need for restoring order from industrial chaos and emphasised that it was a matter of national justice that wages should be increased.

President Roosevelt reviewed his efforts to increase trade, provide employment and to effect a broad elevation of commodity prices, and said that the improvement which was recently noticeable in most industries had been accompanied by a rise in price of most commodities, but wages were still lagging behind.

He therefore asked the employers to not only refrain from further reductions, but to begin forthwith, the process of increasing wages to meet the cost of living.

President Roosevelt emphasised the necessity for the co-operation of employers, both among themselves and with the Government, in order to retrieve industry from unfair methods of competition, cut-throat prices and the general chaos of the last four years.

He promised Government co-operation to prevent over-production, unfair wages, improper working conditions and other unfair practices, and concluded his address with a philosophical appeal to human nature to lay aside special selfish interests and to think and act for a well-founded national recovery. — Reuter.

TRADE TREATY WITH GERMANY.

Conservatives Divided
On The Issue.

London, To-day.

The report stage of the Anglo-German trade agreement was reached in the House of Commons, the resolution being carried by 304 to 56. The Liberal Party voted with the Government, while many of the Labour Opposition abstained from voting.

The Conservative back-bench malcontents maintained loud protests during the debate. — Reuter.

CARLISLE LOSE LAST GAME.

Spectre Relegation.

London, To-day.

Carlisle United, who are in a desperate position at the foot of the northern section of the soccer league, lost their last game of the season when they visited Doncaster and lost by 4 goals to 2.

Carlisle are on the borders of the safety line, but there is a possibility that York City, Mansfield Town, Rochdale and New Brighton may force them to stand for re-election with Darlington. — Reuter.

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CONTRAST TO HIGH TARIFF NATIONS

FRANCE'S POLICY ON WAR DEBTS

Wish To Reconsider
Whole Question.

50 PER CENT MORATORIUM
CLAUSE

Paris, To-day.

M. Paul Boncour, French Foreign Minister, declared in the Senate yesterday, that France wished to reconsider the whole question of her war debt payment to the United States, rather than take advantage of the existing Mellon-Berenger agreement which allows France to claim a moratorium of 50 per cent. on the payment due on June 15.

The Government did not wish to invoke the operative clause, M. Boncour stated. — Reuter.

British Views On Tariff Truce.

U.S. CO-OPERATION ON
DISARMAMENT.

London, To-day.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons yesterday, declared that Britain had given a qualified agreement to the suggestion for a tariff truce, as Britain was in different circumstances when compared with high tariff countries.

He declared that in consequence of the Anglo-American talks on Disarmament, the British and American delegates were working in close co-operation at Geneva. — Reuter.

Sterling Exchange Control.

EQUALISATION ACCOUNT
RAISED BY £200,000,000.

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons yesterday, the motion of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, to increase the Exchange Equalisation Account from £150,000,000 to £350,000,000 was agreed upon without division. — Reuter.

ITALY WINNING IN DAVIS CUP

Yugo-Slavia Offer
Plucky Fight.

FIRST DAY'S SINGLES

Florence, To-day.

Yugo-Slavia offered a bold front to Italy in the First Round of the Davis Cup here yesterday. Though losing both singles matches, they went down gallantly to a superior combination.

The following were the results as cabled by Reuter:
Morpurgo (Italy) beat Pances 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Stefani (Italy) beat Kukuljevic 6-4, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2.

Italy are in the same half of the draw as Britain, but their chances of reaching the Zone Final have been considerably lessened by the fact that G. Palmeri will not be assisting from this year.

Stefani took part in the Italian team's tour of India, and figured prominently in the Test matches at Madras and Bombay. In addition to assisting Italy to win these matches he won three championship events held in honour of the visitors. — Reuter.

ANGLO-AMERICAN HARMONY

RELATIONS IMPROVED
BY DISCUSSIONS

PREMIER'S STATEMENT ON TALKS
WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"AS FOR MY VISIT AS A WHOLE, WHILE I WISH TO CONVEY NO EXAGGERATED IMPRESSION, I WOULD SAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OURSELVES AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MATERIALLY IMPROVED BY THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH I HAVE HAD WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT. FOR WHOSE FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY AND UNRESERVED HELPFULNESS THROUGHOUT ALL OUR DELIBERATIONS, THE WARMEST THANKS OF THE GOVERNMENT ARE DUE."

This statement was made by the Premier, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald yesterday when he made a statement to the House of Commons on his recent conversations with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in Washington.

The Premier's Washington conversations and German questions will be debated next Tuesday, and the Premier undertook to answer, as far as possible, any questions then put to him. When asked whether the subject of war debts would come before the World Conference, he replied in the negative.



Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

The Premier said that he had been anxious, first of all, to ask for a meeting of the International Economic Conference, and finding they were agreed and that subsequently M. Herriot, the French delegate, shared their opinion, they communicated with the organising committee and June 12 had been fixed for the meeting of the Conference.

The Premier, continued, "We discussed in some detail, the subjects to be brought up at the conference. These include the questions of tariffs, quotas, exchange control and the stability of international currency. A tariff truce during the sittings of the Conference was also considered."

"Our purpose was to ascertain by intimate discussion what the prospects were of co-operation, and not to come to definite agreements. We both shared the view that our respective countries should enter the Conference which is now to meet so soon with hands completely united."

"The result of these exchanges of views and the examination of the problems, is most encouraging. In view of the controversy which has arisen in reference to the suggestion of a tariff truce, I felt it my duty to point out how different is the position of a country like our own from that of those which are already high tariff countries, with policies and economic defences already fully worked out and in operation."

Disarmament Policy Harmony.

"I took the opportunity of putting before President Roosevelt a full account of the broad policy of disarmament, and as a result of our discussions, we reached the common views which have been reflected in the effective co-operation between the British and American delegates in support of the draft convention now before the Disarmament Conference at Geneva."

"We also discussed the question of duties and frankly examined the problem in all its aspects."

"These exchanges of views were of particular importance as they brought out in well defined detail all the differences which had to be reconciled not only in the final settlement but in the immediate handling of the question."

"Whilst I welcomed the idea of a truce during the period of the Conference, I made it plain that its application would have to be subject to a safeguard which these differences in our positions required. This was considered to be reasonable. On this subject I can make no fuller statement at present as the matter has necessarily not yet reached the stage of agreement. — British Wireless Service."

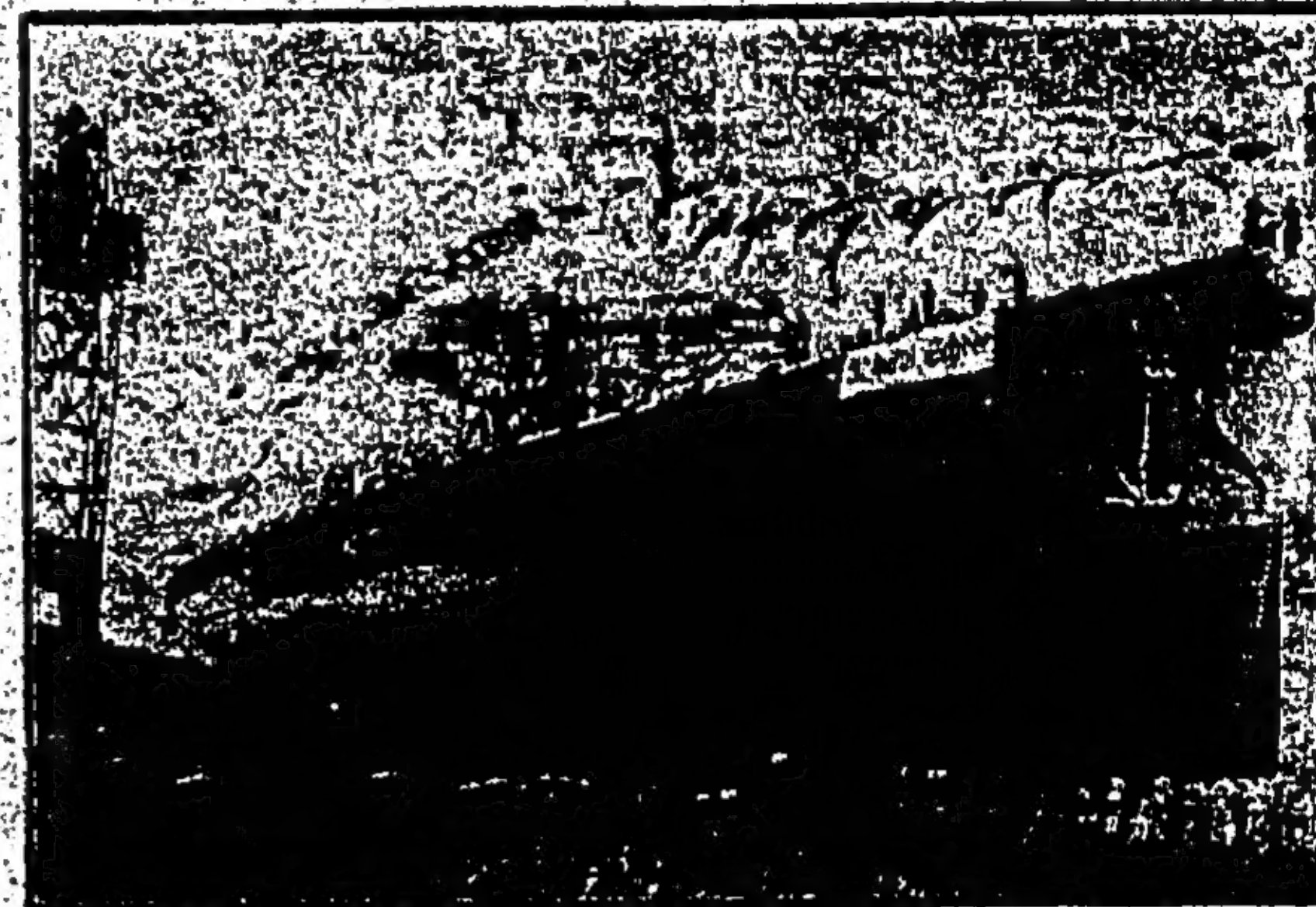
Argentine And America.

TRADE AND ECONOMIC
CONVERSATIONS.

Washington, To-day.

The relations of the proposed Anglo-Argentine agreement to the problems of the World Economic Conference and Argentine-American trade were discussed at the economic talks between the Argentine and American representatives and according to a communiqué issued by the State Department here yesterday. — Reuter.

The London-New York cross rate was this morning quoted at £485.51%, as against £485.51% yesterday. The New York on London rate improved from £485.58% to £485.32%.



The launching at Wilhelmshaven, of the second German "pocket" battleship, "Admiral Scheer," before an enormous gathering. — Giving the Nazi salute as the vessel was launched. (S. & G.)

U. S. FARMERS TO DECLARE MARKETING STRIKE

Nation-Wide Effort To Bolster
Deflated Produce Prices

New York, To-day.

A nation-wide farm marketing strike to be effective from May 13, has been voted by the National Farmers' Holiday Association at a meeting at Des Moines, Iowa.

The strike is an attempt to obtain higher prices by withholding farm products from the market. — Reuter.

FREE STATE RIFT WITH BRITAIN

Reaction To Removal
Of The Oath.

MR. J. H. THOMAS ALLEGES A
BREACH OF THE TREATY

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. J. H. Thomas, made a statement in the House of Commons, yesterday, regarding the action of the Irish Free State Government in amending the Constitution by the Removal of the Oath Bill, in the Dail, on Wednesday.

He said that the Government in the United Kingdom had made clear their view that any attempt to abolish the Parliamentary oath in the Irish Free State was in direct conflict with the obligations undertaken by the Irish Free State under the Treaty of 1921.

This was confirmed by the form of Irish Free State legislation. The treaty was the fundamental basis of the position of the Irish Free State, and in order to achieve their object, the Irish Free State Government had been compelled to include in their legislation (Continued on Page 4.)

DOLLAR DECLINES A FRACTION.

Silver Prices Show
Steadier Tendency.

The falling price of silver is today reflected in the local dollar, which declined 1/8 on opening this morning, being quoted at 1/4 1/8. Silver, which slumped heavily on Wednesday, experienced another decline of 1/16 yesterday, the opening price this morning being 19 1/16 and 15 7/16 for spot and forward silver respectively.

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SHIH RIVER AS BOUNDARY OF MANCHUKUO

Japanese Demand
Neutral Area.

THREATEN RENEWED AIR
BOMBARDMENTS

Shanghai, To-day.

A Chinese report from Luanchow states that the Japanese military authorities have despatched a letter to the Chinese commander at Peitaho, demanding the neutralisation of the area between the Liang River and the Shih River.

If the warning is ignored the Japanese military are alleged to threaten renewed air bombing, backed up by a naval bombardment, of the Chinese positions in the region of Peitaho.

Manchukuo is reported to be claiming the Shih River as the boundary of the new State, with complete control of the Shanhaikuan area. — Reuter.

YOUNG MARSHAL IN ITALY

Chang Not Returning
To China Yet.

TO VISIT GERMANY, FRANCE
AND ENGLAND

Rome, To-day.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang arrived here from Brindisi with his entourage, yesterday. His adviser, Mr. W. H. Donald, stated that the "Young Marshal" intended to spend several months in Italy and also to visit Germany, France and England.

He had received many telegrams from China, asking him to return, but he had no intention of doing so yet, Mr. Donald declared. — Reuter.

30 PER CENT DUTY ON MATCHES

Free State Move To Stop
Dumping.

London, To-day.

The Irish Free State Executive Council yesterday issued an order increasing the Customs duties on imported matches to an average of 30 per cent. It is believed that the object of the increase is to prevent dumping.

MAN-HUNT IN AMERICA

SCHOOLGIRL
KIDNAPPED
IN NEW YORK

Police Search By Land,
Sea And Air.

LINDBERGH ABDUCTION
RECALLED

New York, To-day.

The greatest man-hunt undertaken in the United States since the search for the Lindbergh baby kidnappers, started last night, following the abduction of a 10-year-old schoolgirl, Margaret McMath, daughter of a wealthy Detroit family.

The kidnapping was carried out in broad daylight, as the child was leaving school, by three men, who drove up in a closed car and bundled her into the car before anyone could give the alarm.

The abduction has caused nationwide indignation, and every available police officer in New York has been put on to trail the gang. A widespread search by land, sea and air has been ordered and police launches throughout the night have been combing New York waters for suspect motor-boats.

Aeroplane, with trained observers, are scouring great areas of country, and are expected to cover hundreds of miles, being closely watched for suspect cars.

In spite of pleas from the distracted parents of the kidnapped child, the Chief of the Michigan State Police has refused to give even a temporary respite in the hunt.

He declares that the solution of the kidnapping may lead to the solution of the Lindbergh case.

The parents of the child have asked that the relentless search be withdrawn for 24 hours in order to give the kidnappers free access for possible negotiations. — Reuter.

WALL ST BOOM EXPECTED

Silver Inactive As
Values Drop.

BRIGHTER TONE ON NEW
YORK MARKET

New York, To-day.

An upward movement was again indicated on the New York Stock Market, yesterday, business maintained its high figure, 4,590,000 shares being dealt in.

In their daily report, Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company, through their local correspondents, Messrs. Asie Lands, Ltd., state: "It looks as though there may be a strong forward surge in the immediate future which will carry industrial averages at least through the high levels of last September. Those who have followed the 'up' side in respect of industrial should take some profits of the outburst of strength."

"Wheat: Under the influence of inflation there are still strong rumours of something bullish for the morning and good cash business has been done."

"Silver was inactive and prices lower on continued Commission House selling."

"Cotton fluctuated under changing influences and new high levels were registered. However, the new nine per cent level attracted heavy selling."

"Industrial and rail averages advanced 1 1/8 and 1 1/4 respectively, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced 1 1/4. The New York on London rate improved from £485.58% to £485.32%."



The WOMAN'S Page



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Signal Station	1,774
Mt. Parker	1,734
Mountain Lodge	1,725
The Eyrie	1,725
Peak Hotel	1,805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1,000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Road (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Talmoshan	3,124
Kowloon Peak	1,971

OIL A GOOD TONIC FOR SKIN.

Care And Treatment Of Complexion.

REMOVING WRINKLES.

Oil is excellent for a skin that is feeling stretched and dry. This is often the case when the physical condition is below par, and if it is not corrected fine lines will appear, which will be difficult to eradicate later on.

To give the face an oil bath steam it first with warm towels wrung out in hot water.

When it is pink and glowing work a generous supply of oil into the skin, leave on for half an hour or so, and then wipe off with soft tissues and apply a mild skin tonic.

This should be done one or twice a week, and in between times, as a general daily routine, the face should be thoroughly massaged with a really nourishing skin food.

Any small lines which may have appeared can be eradicated by patting in a mixture of the skin food and almond oil, or, better still, splendid muscle oil which does wonders in removing lines and wrinkles.

A Greasy skin needs to be treated differently, and a quick way of getting it into good condition is by means of a complexion glove.

Dip this in water to which a pinch of borax has been added and allowed to settle, and then rub the face vigorously.

Follow by patting briskly with a pad of cotton wool soaked in a fairly strong tonic.

This will stimulate the oil glands, and promote the circulation.

If the pores are very relaxed, these can be closed and tightened up by the application of a good pore cream.

USE CARE IN IRONING.

The best way to press rough silk is with a warm iron when the material is entirely dry. Linen and organdy should be ironed when still very wet. Never use a hot iron on artificial silk—put a dry cloth over it and use a warm iron.



HELPS FOR HOUSEWIVES.

Clothes which have become yellowed can be whitened by sprinkling with water and spreading on the grass in the sun. Articles slightly discoloured can be soaked in cold water and then boiled until white.

Never tell an unruly child that you will call the doctor for him, or imply in any way that a doctor's visit is something terrifying and painful.

Sometimes the doctor will have to come, and the child to whom he has been made a bogie-man will be a most difficult and unhappy patient.

A piece of ribbon sewed inside the tops of the shoulders of your dress, with a snap at the other end of the ribbon and a snap sewed in the dress so that you can keep the strap of your slip from sliding down your arms, takes but a short time to devise and gives you great comfort.

Left-over spiced pickle juices or the juices left from bottled pickles is excellent to use poured over whole or sliced ham when baking. It may also be used to thin salad dressings.

Add a dash of salt to the water used in the gold fish bowl. This aids in keeping the fish in a healthy condition.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

Fruit Salad Biscuits
Stuffed Celery
Strawberry Sherbert Almond Cake
Coffee

Fruit Salad, Serving 12.
2 cups diced pineapple
2 cups diced peaches
1 cup diced pears
1 cup seeded white cherries
½ cup red cherries
1 cup salad dressing
1 cup whipped cream
Mix and chill fruits. Drain off juices. Mix dressing and cream. Add half dressing mixture to fruits, arrange on lettuce and top with remaining dressing. Serve at once.

Biscuits (24).
4 cups pastry flour
8 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
½ cup butter
1½ cups milk
Mix flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in butter with knife. Mixing with knife, slowly add milk. When soft dough forms, pat it out on floured paper until dough is ¼ inch thick. Use small biscuit cutter and cut out biscuits. Arrange side by side on an ungreased pan and bake 10 minutes in moderate oven. Butter and serve at once.

Almond Cake.
(With Cream Filling)
2½ cup butter
2 cups sugar
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract
¼ teaspoon salt

3 cups pastry flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
3 egg whites, beaten
Cream butter, sugar. Add milk, vanilla, almond, salt, flour and baking powder. Beat 3 minutes. Fold in egg whites. Pour into 2 layer cake pans and bake 25 minutes in moderately slow oven. Add filling.

Filling.
½ cup sugar
4 tablespoons flour
1½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups milk
½ cup shredded almonds
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon almond extract
¼ teaspoon lemon extract
1 tablespoon butter
Blend sugar and flour. Add yolks, salt, milk. Cook in double boiler until filling is thick and creamy. Stir frequently. Add rest of ingredients. Cool and use as filling. Cover top of cake with white frosting.

Cake can be covered with whipped cream and served as dessert.

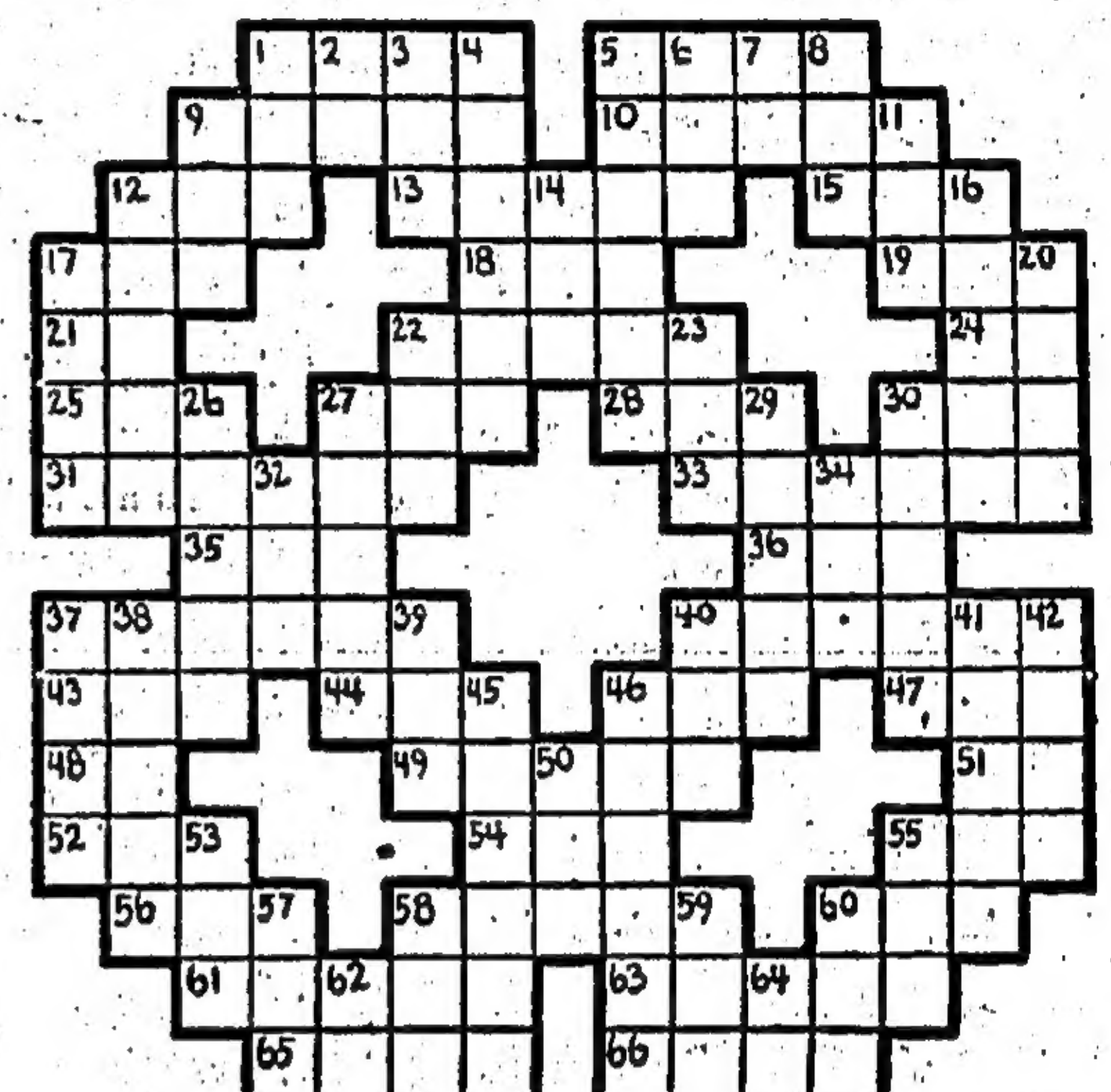


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and alibi.



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Compact	46-Atmosphere	12-The moon goddess
5-A famous tower	47-Highest note in Guido's scale	14-A constellation
9-More crippled	48-Ahead	15-Spot
10-In a tilted manner	49-The Scandinavian people	17-Snare
12-Pale	50-A military officer (abbr.)	20-Buff
13-A college official (pl.)	51-A metric land measure	22-Drunkard
15-A foot-like organ	52-Half a score	23-Guided
17-End	53-In a greater degree	26-Drill
18-A metric land measure	54-Hawaiian food	27-Jeer
19-Corroded	55-Born	28-Large mammal of South America
21-Egyptian sun-god	56-An alloy	30-Spectre
22-Tiny	57-Gain	32-Addition to one's side
24-Deceit	58-Small candle	34-Writing implement
25-An insect	59-Pertaining to the navy	37-Small pellet of lead
27-A maritime distress signal	60-A rodent (pl.)	38-Dogma
28-Place	61-Twirl	39-Heavenly body
30-Evil		40-Blind
31-A father		41-Girl's name
32-A nymph (Gr. Myth.)		42-Grade
35-A beverage		43-Drunkards
36-A vegetable		44-Natives of Asia
37-A series of steps on each side of a fence (pl.)		45-Decay
40-Highly inflammable material		46-Used in negation
43-A fowl		47-Nothing
44-A wagon track		48-Propeller
		49-Joined
		50-Lick up
		51-Pale
		52-Father (Short)
		53-Six (Roman)

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

ANDES	ROAST
ROOSTER	INNER
IRE	ARI
AS	ARES
SEAMS	CRIVEN
SEVEN	NOTES
PLANT	L
AI	TOIT
REB	CRN
SNARE	RETURNS
ETHER	SPREE

Bringing Up Father.



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FRENCH OFFICER ARRESTED.

Charge With Revealing
Military Secrets.

PLEADS NAME WAS FORGED.

Paris. A French officer, decorated with the Legion of Honour, the Military Cross and the Croix de Guerre, has been accused of espionage at Belfort, the French fortress commanding the passage between the Vosges and the Jura.

According to a report in the "Matin" this morning, the accused is charged with divulging the contents of a secret document giving details of a plan for rushing supplies to the Belfort district in case of mobilisation.

The Surete Generale (the French Scotland Yard), says the report, alleges that the accused received a number of registered letters from a German agent.

The officer, however, emphatically denies the charge. The signature appearing in the postman's receipt book, he declares, is a forgery.

In order to establish his own innocence and in the hope hastening the discovery of the real culprit, he is bringing a charge of forgery against "a person unknown."—Reuter.

FOOTBALL CHEER MISTAKE.

Youth Expelled From
School In Error.

"DOWN WITH JUGOSLAVIA"

Belgrade. Hearing cries of "Down with Jugoslavia" from one of the classrooms of the grammar school of Vrbas, Jugoslavia, a teacher caught the boy who was shouting and rushed him before the headmaster. Before the boy could explain he was expelled from the school and his crime was also reported to the police.

For some weeks the boy's father tried to get his son taken back. No one would listen to his explanations. Finally he came to Belgrade and saw the Minister of Education. He explained to him that his son was a supporter of the Belgrade Sports Club football team, whose greatest rival is the Jugoslavia Club. When he shouted "Down with Jugoslavia" he merely referred to the football team of that name.

The Minister of Education accepted this explanation and the boy has been taken back to the Vrbas grammar school. Now he shouts for Jugoslavia and against the Belgrade Sports Club to avoid the danger of repeating his experience.—Reuter.

TEN DAYS' C.B. FOR MULE.

Strange Military Law
In Spain.

Madrid. The Chief Justice of the provinces of Valladolid has received notice of a sentence pronounced by a village magistrate on a mule.

For kicking a man, the mule has been charged and condemned to ten days' imprisonment in its stable. The owner of the mule has been fined five pesetas.

Not only animals, but even weapons are similarly treated in the Spanish Army. Offending horses and mules, as well as guns which explode spontaneously, are "arrested" and involved in an enquiry. Sentences of imprisonment or destruction may follow.—Reuter.

BRIDGE NOTES

THE CHANGE IN CONVENTIONS.

MANY BENEFICIAL RESULTS.
By CAPT. LINDSAY MUNDY

The change over from the Two-Club convention to the Three-Minor convention is proving itself to be of great benefit in every way. The restoration of the Two-Club bid to its normal meaning on a par with a Two-bid in any other suit is an immense relief in a host of cases.

No longer is one confronted with the almost insoluble problem of what to bid on a hand such as:

S—A 10 x x D—x
H—K Q x C—A Q J x x

A big of One-No-Trump entirely fails to announce the real strength of the hand. Two No-Trumps is inadmissible on account of the unguarded Diamond suit, while a bid of Three Club (non-conventional under the old scheme) showed a virtual one-suit hand, and thereby warned the responder not to expect any trump assistance if he branched into three of another suit.

Restoring A Useful Bid.

This would frequently result in the hand being played in an unsuccessful contract of Three No-Trumps where the games would have been made in a major suit.

Under the new scheme, on the contrary, the normal bid of Two Clubs would be inviting a Two-Spade bid on S—K Q x x; and another ace or kind and the game would usually be made in that suit with some such holding.

Similar bad results were often arrived at even when the natural Three-Club bid was used on a hand of a perfectly legitimate pattern, such as C—A K Q J x x x, with nothing in the other suits, or C—A K Q J x x, with an outside Ace. The responder, holding two guarded Kings and a guarded Queen, Knave, would bid Three No-Trumps; one of his Kings would be led up to and make, he would then make dummy's six or seven tricks; and then have to let the opponents in to make their suit, which they had established on the first round.

Although the natural Three-bid of a minor suit did not prove to be very satisfactory, and it is no loss to have it removed from the game, whereas the loss of the natural Two-Club bid was a very severe privation.

Incidental Reactions.

The restoration of the natural Two-Club bid has, curiously enough, great repercussions on all the other natural Two-bids. It will be remembered that these Two-bids divide themselves into two main types. Type I. consists of virtual one-suit hands, and is not affected at all. Type II. consists of hands which contain three strong four-cards suits, and the rule with this particular distribution is the opposite to when holding five-card suits, namely, to open with a Two-bid in the cheapest suit available.

Under the old scheme, the Club suit was ruled out. If one of the three suits was Diamonds, all was plain sailing—you bid that suit and your partner immediately suspected that your hand was of Type II, and therefore, if he had the one and a half tricks necessary for a response, freely bid a major suit on a medium four-card holding.

If your hand happened to be of Type I, you showed him that by rebidding your Diamonds. But if Diamonds happened to be your missing suit you had to fall back on opening with Two Hearts, so that with that opening he had no assurance that your hand was of Type I, though it was more likely to be so than when the opening was in Diamonds.

If, however, the opening bid was Two Spades, it was almost certain

that your hand was not of Type II, because if it were there would of necessity be a cheaper suit with which you could have started. Consequently, holding the one and a half tricks necessary for a response, he was not afraid to support your Spade bid on three small Spades, or the Queen and one small one.

Normalising Procedure.

Under the new scheme these considerations apply to the Heart suit exactly as they do to the Spade suit, since if the opener's hand is of Type II there must be one of the minor suits available for the opening bid.

To sum up, we shall now find that an opening Two-bid in either of the major suits is nearly always of the Type I pattern, the only exception being hands in which the only minor suit held strongly is an exceptionally strong three-card suit; that the opening bid of Two Diamonds is more often of Type I than of Type II, and the opening bid of Two Clubs is more often of Type II, since it is three to one against Clubs being the missing suit.

The Culbertson Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson are bringing a team to this country next June, and a match has been arranged between them and a team led by Lt-Col. Beasley. Mr. Culbertson has announced this as a match between Crockford's of New York and Crockford's of London. The latter team is to be reinforced by borrowing the services of Mr. Percy Tabbush, who plays so well in partnership with Mr. Morris.

It is to be hoped that no attempt will be made to describe this team as "England," a description which no privately arranged team has any right to arrogate to itself.

A Challenge.

I have written to Mr. Culbertson, sending him an invitation, or challenge, to play against a team of Direct System players organised by myself. With the exception of my comrade, Capt. Ewart Kempson, and myself, none of my team have previously appeared in the limelight of big matches, unless my present plans have to be altered. I have suggested to him that the match should be on the Rubber-Duplicate plan, but as he is the challenged, the choice of weapons rests entirely with him.

Of the six players at present selected for Crockford's, four play American Bridge, while the other two include some American methods in their mainly British game, so that that match will be more of a competition between players than between systems. If my match takes place, it will be completely a test between American and British systems in general, and between Culbertson's and mine in particular.

DEER HUNT IN PARIS STREETS.

Danger Of Extinction.

Paris. Armed with a net 100 yards long, a special squad of park keepers has spent an all-night hunt here to capture the 15 wild deer in the Bois de Boulogne. They "bagged" three.

The deer are being rounded up and sent to the zoo because they are being killed off by motor-cars. Since 1919 more than 150 have been killed by motorists. Before the war the herd numbered 183, but only 15 remain.—Reuter.

10,000 MILES IN SEARCH FOR JOB

Italian's Vain Trip
Through Africa.

NOW HOMEWARD BOUND.

Venice.

Valentino Bruno is on his way home after a 10,000-mile trip in search of work. His search has failed.

His home is at Recoaro (Vicenza). Over two years ago he left for Beira, Portuguese East Africa. There he expected to make his fortune.

But there was no work for Bruno in Beira. So just a year ago—he decided to return home. Without money, he started back for Italy on foot.

He crossed the Zambesi and after 20 days walking, he reached Zomba in Nyassaland. The little Italian colony there sympathized with his plight and presented him with a bicycle.

Mounted on his bicycle, Bruno continued on his long trail him—through Tanganyika, Kenya, Uganda, the Sudan and so to Egypt and Alexandria.

The Italian Consul at Alexandria arranged a sea passage for Bruno to Naples, whence he has now reached Rome.

After a few days' rest in the capital, Bruno is setting off on the last stage of his journey home—where his wife and four children are preparing to give him a great welcome.—Reuter.

"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY."

Russia Celebrates 20th Anniversary.

INEQUALITY ELIMINATED.

Moscow. The twentieth anniversary of "international women's day" is accorded extensive attention in the press here.

"Soviet power," writes the newspaper "Pravda," has entirely eliminated the inequality of women's rights in politics. There is no country in the world with laws which resemble, in the slightest degree, the Soviet laws for protecting the rights of women.

"A network of cultural and social institutions growing yearly, has made it possible for women to leave the tedious, stultifying domestic hearth and become active, conscious participants in the labour and struggle of the U.S.S.R.," "Pravda" adds.

In connection with this year's anniversary, the Soviet Government has awarded the Order of Lenin to twelve women, whose names include Krupskaya, Klara Zetkin, Kollontai and Ullanova for outstanding self-sacrificing work in the field of women peasants.

At the same time, seventeen women, the best workers in plants and factories of collective farms have been awarded the Order of the Labour Red Banner.—Reuter.

CURED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Los Angeles. Mrs. Lillian Jackson, whose hands and lower limbs were paralyzed was flung from her chair by the recent earthquake. A moment later she fled from her residence and was walking along the beach without the aid of crutch or stick. Since then she has been able to use her limbs with considerable freedom.—Reuter.

Radio

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

12.30 p.m.—European programme of Victor & H.M.V. records.

1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

2 p.m.—Close Down.

4.30 p.m.—7 p.m.—Chinese recorded programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7-15 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, Selected London & New York Stock Quotations, etc.

7.15-9 p.m.—A relay of the United Artists' Picture—"Mr. Robinson Crusoe" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the Management.

9-10.30 p.m.—Classical Programme.

Orchestral—

The Fair at Scrothinsk-Gopak (Moussorgsky)

Funeral March (Rimsky-Korsakov)

London Symphony Orchestra directed by Albert Coates 11443.

Vocal—

La Favorita—Oh, Dearest Ferdinand—(Donizetti)

Oh, Fatal Gift (Verdi)

Sigrid Onegin (Contralto) 7192.

Piano Solo—

Sonata in A Flat, Op. 110 (Beethoven)

Frederic Lamond D1565-6.

Vocal—

Forza del Destino—May He be Accursed! (Verdi)

Norma—High On Yon Mountain (Bellini)

Metropolitan Opera Chorus with Elio Lanza 8158.

Orchestral—

Symphony No. 6 in F Major (Pastorale) (Op. 68)

(Beethoven)

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Franz Schalk D14731-7.

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m.—Close Down.

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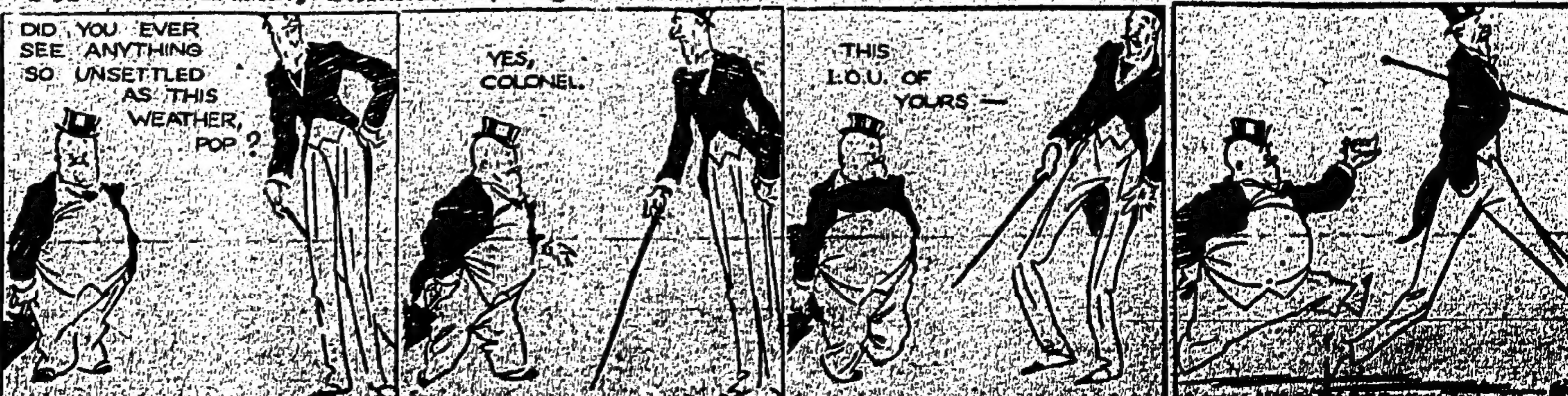
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By J. MILLAR WATT.

TALKIE TALKS

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DOUG. FAIRBANKS IN "MR. ROBINSON CRUSOE"

STRONG CAST WILL DELIGHT IN "EVENINGS FOR SALE."

Constance Bennett Achieves A Triumph In "Rockabye."

Douglas Fairbanks told me that in order to enjoy making a talkie, he had to look upon it as an adventure. In "Mr. Robinson Crusoe" he conveys the impression that he has wholeheartedly revelled in every second of it.

There is a penchant for exaggeration; I should say that what our hero accomplishes is an impossibility, but there is no denying that young and old of all Nationalities will derive thrills and pleasure from this recently released United Artists effort.

In the story, a wealthy man, yachting on his way to Sumatra for a tiger hunt, stops off for some "Boy Scouting" on a desert island in order to cash in on a bet. He is without all the home-making and building implements known to civilization, but in four months he has built a pent-house, and all the conveniences of a perfectly furnished home, with his own hands.

The original "Robby's" residence would look like a shanty in comparison. The picture moves fast. We have the usual Fairbanks gymnastics, wrestling, branch-swinging and tumbling, and all the time a continual breezy chatter.

Doug entertains in what is practically a one-man show. One must not forget the animals; being a talkie it was necessary that our hero had someone to whom to talk. It is a combination of travelogue, comedy and fairy tale, but you get such a kick out of watching Doug enjoy himself.

Maria Albu looks quite pretty at times, and the end of the story finds her in the Ziegfeld Follies, as it did the native girl Reri of Burnau's "Tabu." William Farnum and Earl Brown have a few lines apiece.

The real natives of the Southern Pacific Islands, where the picture was filmed, the gorgeous tropical scenery, the musical background, the technical details, the animals—and DOUG—make this a film you would be FOOLISH to miss. (King's).

I have to express a wish to the Management of the King's Theatre. Would they kindly do as the other theatres—Give us the full cast of the players—I admit that we are lucky to have free programmes here, but reading about some body's Frigidair, etc., and the stories of forthcoming releases, is not giving us the details we need.

Over and over again have names been absent that are of importance in the telling of the story. Looking back on old programmes, I find no mention of Ned Sparks (one of the four in "The Miracle Man"). No one knew who the handsome gangster was in "Dancers in the Dark"—(George Raft), and in "Wedding Rehearsal" one of the best acting parts was not mentioned. I refer to Kate Cutler. The King's usually limit the cast to six names. If the other theatres give us the FULL cast—why not the King's?

"Rockabye."

"Rockabye" gives "Constance Bennett, the Beautiful One," scope for running, the full gamut of emotions, and can almost rank with her super work in "What Price Hollywood." She exhibits moments of real tenderness in her scenes with that natural pretty baby actress, June Filer. I defy any woman in the audience to remain dry-eyed when the child is taken from her loving protection.

The love scenes with that handsome lad, Joel McCrea, are at times a little reminiscent of Mack Sennett, but at least, we see Miss Bennett in a new light. Her outbursts of temper, when her true instincts break through the veneer she has acquired, had feeling behind them, she surprised me. I think she is looking a little thin, but how beautiful she is in the close-ups.

Jobyna Howland could hardly be improved upon as the continually inebriated mother. Paul Lukas, as self-sacrificing as ever, is handed the role of friend who is condescendingly accepted in the last reel.

There IS good entertainment in "Rockabye," and Miss Bennett is proving herself to be as big a favourite with Hong Kong "fans" as she is in every other quarter of the globe. DON'T miss this one. (Central).

"Evenings For Sale."

A Viennese background and no music. Post-war Vienna, with Herbert Marshall playing the unsympathetic role of a gigolo. One can't quite take seriously a man who hires himself out for dancing, and who keeps on being sorry for himself.

"Evenings for Sale," gives us a better opportunity of judging the merits of the little girl from Tientsin. Patricia Detering—Nathan, known to the film world as Sari Maritza.

Candidly, though, the female honours are stolen by that experienced Broadway actress, Mary Boland, as the silly American widow who chases Mr. Marshall.

She plays an unusual characterization most beautifully, and reveals herself as an actress of sympathy and tenderness.



Douglas Fairbanks

Mr. Marshall is always flawless in speech and aristocratic. I still like Sari better in the first film in which I saw her—a British Production—"Greek Street." She did not aim to be too sophisticated and grown-up, as she strives to be now—and after all she is very young; there is time enough to adopt a blase air.

Charles Ruggles and George Barbier are of help in achieving a smoothly working picture. I can safely say you will like this one. It is an interesting story and well acted.—(Queen's).

"Arsene Lupin."

John and Lionel Barrymore with delightful Karen Morley in an exciting drama "Arsene Lupin" will be followed by "Maybe It's Love," with Joan Bennett, James Hall and the 1929 All-American Football Team in a story of College life. Big-mouthed Joe Brown and Stuart Erwin furnish innumerable laughs. Then a film I enjoyed—"New Morals for Old," with Robert Young, Margaret Parry, Laura Hope Crews and Lewis Stone. Don't miss seeing these—All top-notchers. Coming to the Star.

"Passport to Hell."

"Passport to Hell" was retitled "Burat Offering" in England, as the censors will not allow the word Hell to appear in a title. This is a story of the eternal triangle, with Elissa Landi again a misunderstood woman, who flies from a British colony to German East Africa under a cloud, and when War breaks out she marries a German (Alexander Kirkland) to avoid internment, though she is in love with his friend (Paul Lukas).

The plot works out on orthodox lines, but the finish has something new to offer. The cast which also includes Warner Oland and Donald Crisp, proves excellent—and the tropical background all you would desire.

Miss Landi is beautifully photographed, gowned and the quintessence of good taste. It is hard to imagine the aristocratic Elissa in the situations the scenario-writer has planned for her. Some day we will play this lead. Glad to hear I shall see her in a part that does this, as it was hoped he would be.



Astor Mary.

her credit. Frank Lloyd directed in his usual masterly manner. Advised—(King's).

"Men of Chance."

Ricardo Cortez, is undoubtedly one of the finest actors on the screen, because no matter how small the part, or whether he be hero or villain, he makes it believable. In "Men of Chance" we see him at his best in a race-track story.

Mary Astor is delightful as the bogus Countess, and John Halliday, the kind of actor on whom we can rely. A grand cast and plenty of excitement! This will be followed by a picture ALL MUST SEE—OUR Mr. Jack Buchanan in the play he directed and in which he also shines—"Yea, Mr. Brown"—All due at the Central.

Coming—a continuation of the celebrated Quirt and Flagg, in an adventure with that adorable fiery little Mexican—Lupe Velez. Victor McLaglen and Edmund Lowe will appear in their original roles.

El Brendel and Lillian Bond help to provide good entertainment. More of this later. THEN—comes the one and only "IT" girl, CLARA BOW, in ONE real come-back, "Call her Savage." Put these two on your "Must See" list. Due shortly at the King's.

"Little Orphan Annie."

"Little Orphan Annie" is an ideal vehicle for that clever mimic and actress Mitzi Green. It is also notable for the chance to see that clever youngster over whom we raved in "Handle with Care." This picture can be highly recommended for the youngsters, and I would go miles just to see Mitzi imitate famous stars. Strongly advised. (Central).

"Payment Deferred."

Morbidly it is too heavily stressed to make "Payment Deferred," (seen here in the stage version by local amateurs), a wholly entertaining picture, but those who appreciate fine acting and convincing characterizations must be SURE to see it.

It is chiefly notable for the brilliant performance given by Charles Laughton, playing the part he made famous in London and on Broadway. This young man from Yorkshire is one of the finest character actors on the screen today, and was seen locally in "The Old Dark House," and "The Devil and the Deep."

This story is what one might call an unpleasant study in crime, and Laughton gives a remarkably haunting performance as the middle-aged bank clerk, harassed by poverty who kills for money and plunges his soul into hell.

This man with the complex character, built up of sensuality and vulgarity, adds a touch of pitiful helplessness in a time of adversity, so that he manages to secure sympathy. Surely the mark of a great actor!

Dorothy Peterson is likeable as the wife—Verees Teasdale (seen here in "Skyraper" Souls) is splendid as the other woman, and Maureen O'Sullivan surprises as the daughter.

Not for the children, but the grown-ups certainly must see this perfectly acted film. (Queen's).

"Girl of the Rio."

Remember Norma Talmadge, in "The Dove?" When you put two world Latin-like Dolores del Rio and Leo Carrillo in the same film you can expect a walloping success.

In "Girl of the Rio," Miss del Rio is perfectly cast as the beautiful, but pure, Mexican cafe entertainer.

Leo Carrillo can always be depended upon in a dialect part, and Norman Foster proves satisfying as the American boy-friend. The story has a full quota of thrills and entertainment. (Central).

T.M. TELLING YOU.

M.G.M. have bought the rights to "The Cat and the Fiddle," and the situations the scenario-writer has planned for it that Ramon Novarro plays for her. Some day we will play this lead. Glad to hear I shall see her in a part that does this, as it was hoped he would be.

\$310,277 VOTE APPROVED

Legislative Finance Committee.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF COLONY

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon approved of the purchase of the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute for \$185,000.

The Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) presided, and others present were the Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. E. Taylor), the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson), the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. S. W. Te'o, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Pateron, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, the Hon. Mr. Paul Lauder and Mr. R. A. C. North (deputy clerk of Councils).

Votes totalling \$310,277 were presented for consideration and approved of.

The chairman said the geological survey of the island was now finished and he was awaiting Dr. Brock's report on it. A sum of \$1,500 for survey work in this connection was approved of.

An item of \$1,000 under the heading of Public Works Extraordinary, for archaeological excavations under the direction of the Rev. Father Finn, in the New Territories was also approved, although the suggestion of the Hon. Mr. Braga that if any of the finds should be of archaeological value, the Government might assist in bringing out a book, was put down for further consideration.

chosen to play opposite Anna Neagle in the British Production of Noel Coward's "Bitter Sweet." He could not take the offer, so Fernand Gravy, a young Belgian refugee during the war, will play it instead.

Ethel Levey who has made but one talkie appearance in Lowell Sherman's "High Stakes," is now playing a mother with handsome John Batten as her son at one of the British Studios.

Carl Brisson, always remembered as Prince Danilo in "The Merry Widow," is being boomed in two musicals, and will be a welcome addition to the screen.

Mrs. Charles Laughton (Elsa Lanchester), will play Anne of Cleves, Lady Tree, the Duchess of Norfolk, Merle Oberon, Anne Boleyn, and Binnie Barnes, Katherine Howard, in the Alexander Korda production of "Henry VIII," which Charles Laughton will do as his first British talkie.

Josie Collins wears remarkably well. She was looking lovely the other day on the lot acting in "The Jewel Song."

Basil Rathbone is at work on Galsworthy's "Loyalties."

Boris Karloff, could not speak for emotion when he sighted Plymouth, after twenty-years absence from his home country. He is without any trace of American accent, and most charming in manner. He is now well on in his part at the Gaumont-British Studio in "The Ghoul."

"Yes, Mr. Brown" was playing to packed houses at the London Coliseum in mail week, sharing the programme with Spencer Tracy in "Me and My Girl," renamed "Pier 13."

Jean Forbes Robertson may leave for the Fox Studio to play her original part in "Berkely Square" in which Heather Angel and Leslie Howard will be starred.

Leyland Hodgson will be remembered by those who never used to miss the Bandman shows in the old days here. He was one of the most successful juvenile leads, and went from here to Australia, where he again scored. He took a small part, I noticed the other day, in "Under-cover Man." For some unknown reason he has not had parts worthy of him since he went to Hollywood, over three years ago. Wheeler and Woolsey will arrive here soon. They are due in Yokohama on May 25.

"The Picturager," a tremendously popular weekly magazine, which is sold for two pence, recently held a competition for the "fans" to vote what they considered the best outstanding performance of 1932. Ronald Colman in "Arrowhead" deservedly came first, with Ricardo Cortez, second, in "The Melody of Life," and Frederick March, third, for "Jekyll and Hyde."

Female honours went to Marie Dressler in "Edna," Barbara Stanwyck in "Forbidden"—and Greta Garbo in "As You Desire Me."

JAPANESE TEXTILE COMPETITION

Italy Urges Concerted European Action.

INDUSTRIALISATION MENACE.

Rome. Anxiety expressed in Great Britain over the flooding of world markets with cheap Japanese goods, particularly textiles, has found an echo in Italy, whose exporters of textiles are steadily losing ground before competition from the Far East.

The gravity of the situation is brought out in a report to the Chamber of Deputies on a bill just passed instituting a 48-hour week in industry. The report devotes a long passage to Japanese competition in European and Mediterranean markets and urges joint European action to meet the menace.

"Several important branches of Italy's export trade (cotton, silk, rayon and wool)," the report states, "are being progressively ousted by the invincible Japanese competition which now reaches into the Mediterranean and even penetrates some of our colonies."

"To this is added the growing danger of the industrialisation of some points in China, Shanghai for example, where Japanese and European factories are being opened with extensive modern equipment and produce under labour conditions which cannot be approached in European countries. These factories now do not only apply themselves to low-priced articles as in the past but are also extending their formidable competition to quality goods."

The question of Far Eastern competition will be raised again in the Italian Parliament in the near future.—Reuter.

TYPISTS "MARCH PAST."

Madrid. Typists, porters, and the whole staff of the War Office brought up the rear of a "march past" of troops in front of the Ministry at the annual trooping of the colour.

They also took part in the ceremony of swearing fidelity to the Republic before the march past.—Reuter.

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"Recent perfections and refinements in sound recording apparatus have made the difference between the blonde and brunettes voice more apparent than ever before," he said.

"We now believe we have found the reason why several of the gorgeous blonde stars of five and six years ago were only mildly successful in talking pictures. I believe the brunettes voice is a pre-requisite for success."

"On the other hand, this explains the success to a large degree of Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich, Carole Lombard and other blondes who have 'brunette' voices. Recall the deep, rich qualities of their tone of speech and you will see what I mean." — Reuter.



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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, May 5, 1933.

Bismarck And Hitler.

Was it by accident or design, one wonders, that the present rulers of Germany, who profess to admire the career of Bismarck, chose to celebrate, in such curious fashion, his birthday anniversary. April 1 is a noteworthy date in the history of Germany. It saw the birth of Bismarck who, born in 1815, another momentous date, forged Germany into an empire. The empire he created has been eclipsed and the unity he brought about has been jeopardised by the failure of a later generation to adhere to his policy, often unscrupulous and opportunistic, but always guided by the recognition of the point which dictated prudence. Germany cherishes Bismarck's memory. But little conception have his successors exhibited of the fundamental principles of his statecraft and diplomacy. Had they imitated these, Germany would have been spared suffering, humiliation, and discredit. Bismarck was not averse to trying his luck at games of chance, but it is related of him that after his first win at the tables he invariably put his original stake back in his pocket and kept it there. That meant that, at any rate, he could not lose, and when fortune refused any longer to smile upon him he simply left off. That was typical of his methods. He knew when to stop. With Bismarck at the helm, Germany was transformed from a congeries of separate and often antagonistic States into a great Power. After the "dropping of the pilot" in 1890, symbolised by Sir John Tenniel's famous cartoon, Germany set her course upon stormy seas. The successful wars waged by Prussia against Denmark, Austria, and France—the last mentioned being precipitated by the falsification of the Ems telegram—were condemned by international ethics. But his ends having been gained, Bismarck achieved further advances. He believed that the consolidation of Germany having been effected, his

destiny lay upon the Continent. He worked for peace. His claim that, at the Berlin congress of 1878, he had played the part of an "honest broker" was not wide of the mark. He also maintained that the whole Balkan question was not worth the bones of a Prussian grenadier, and another of his tenets was that should Germany ever be involved in war, on no account should she be engaged on her eastern and western fronts simultaneously. He had no zeal for Germany's colonial expansion; "I am not a colonial man to go overseas," he said. Also he deprecated Germany's naval ambitions, which, as he foresaw, would lead to rivalry with Britain. He thought little of Britain's military resources, but had a great respect for her naval strength. In domestic policy he was a reactionary, but was astute enough to realise that toleration might be expedient. This is illustrated by his attitude to the Roman Catholics. Finding the resistance to his "Kulturkampf" too strong, he called it off, and repealed or modified the most oppressive anti-Papal edicts. The crowds who since his death have extolled his services to Germany have forgotten the vein of caution and common sense which was a check upon indiscretions. They have been betrayed by their leaders into mistakes which Bismarck would never have committed. With whatever Power the ultimate responsibility for war-guilt may rest, it is idle to pretend that Germany's chauvinism was not one of the chief contributory factors. For several years after the war, Germany's rehabilitation was delayed by her intransigence and her systematic evasions of the treaty obligations. Later when the Locarno spirit prevailed, there was a disposition among her ex-enemies to let bygones be bygones. Reparations were cancelled. Germany was deemed to have made expiation; the slate was wiped clean. Yet now, in what can only be described as a species of herd-madness, Germany is throwing all these gains away in the savage persecution of the Jews. The officially published threat that attacks on the Jews would be intensified if the world's Press dared to condemn such a policy had the authentic note of Soviet Moscow. All sorts and conditions are victims of this "furor tontonum," the petty trader and intellectual of a world-wide reputation alike. Bismarck had regard for foreign opinion; the Nazis apparently have none. Bismarck never lost his head; the German Government must have lost its head completely.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

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A recently invented clock attachment should be a boon to hotels, schools, or any large establishment where many people have to rise at the same time. The clock itself looks like an ordinary mantel timepiece, but it can be left downstairs all night, and yet at the required moment in the morning it will cause an electric bell to ring in any number of bedrooms. The invention is by Mr. Hoesah James, a Nuneaton bus-driver, and is a cleverly constructed piece of mechanism which can be attached to any ordinary clock movement. From this mechanism any number of wires can be run to bedrooms and, when the alarm is set, a circuit is made at the given time and the bells in the bedrooms ring. The wire terminals plug into the side of the clock.

From The Records.

Ex-Sergeant Major James Clarke, native of Winsford, Cheshire, won the V.C. while serving in the 15th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers for most conspicuous bravery during an attack at Happegarde, November, 1918, when in command of a platoon. On being held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he rushed forward through a strongly-held ridge, captured in succession four machine-guns, and, single-handed, bayoneted the crews. Two days later in the attack on the Oise-Sambre Canal, he rushed forward with a Lewis gun team in the face of an intense barrage, brought the gun into action, and effectively silenced the enemy's fire.

Happy Ending.

Am pleased to tell you that Mr. Clarke is now an attendant at the Belle Vue Greyhound Racing Track, Manchester; Brig-Gen. A. C. Critchley, Greyhound Racing Association, lost no time in getting him the job on learning of his plight.

Your Daily Smile.

OCEAN CRUISE CAMEOS.

1st Passenger (as the ship goes up AND DOWN): Y-you making this t-t-trip on business?
2nd Passenger: N-n-no, p-p-pleasure.

RUSHING INTO PRINT.

The sunshine of the last few days has brought light summery frocks out already.

"SO SORRY."

Maybe I haven't got rings on my fingers, but whenever I go to a dance I get belted on my toes.

THINK THIS OUT.

The ne'er-do-well married the village belle. She made him a good husband.

The Thing That Matters.

America's banking crisis is over. Mine remains. More important.

"Are there any optimists left?" asks a writer. Are there any optimists right?

The Pickpocket's Version.

Every crowd has a silver lining. Money for Jam.

"Preserver-maker leaves half a million."

Getting Rid of Them.

A woman reader says she always invites vacuum-cleaner salesmen into the house and offers them tea and home-made cakes. This, of course, is a much more subtle method than slamming the door in their faces.

Facts You Did Not Know.

Individual microphones for each person sharing in a business conference have been invented to record his work on a steel wire.

Between 90 and 95 per cent. of the watches made in Switzerland are exported to the United States being that country's best market.

A new baggage carrier for automobiles, running boards can be folded out of sight under an aluminum mat.

Four rotating magnetic disks replace as many gear wheels in a new clock and reduce the number of parts required.

BRITAIN'S LEAD ON CURRENCY POLICY

"THE TIME IS RIPE
FOR ACTION;
THE OPPORTUNITY NOW
IS OURS"

By R. HARROD

(University Lecturer in Economics, Oxford.)

London. I propose in what follows to give reasons for the view, first, that the time has come for the country to develop a positive policy in regard to the currency question, and, secondly, that the currency question and public financial policy are now inextricably interwoven. Great Britain is uniquely well placed to help herself and at the same time to give a lead to others. Her financial and monetary condition is now such that she rightly inspires greater confidence than any other major country, with the possible exception of France, and she has advantage over France in being free from the limitations of the Gold Standard, and thus able to pursue her own course. Not that the policy outlined below would prejudice our return to the Gold Standard, if and when we desire it. It is now generally agreed that Great Britain should only consent to link herself to gold once more on condition that the gold countries agree to manage gold properly, which means to restore the general level of prices expressed in gold and to prevent its subsequent relapse. Monetary Position. By embarking immediately upon this very policy of price restoration herself, she would in no way weaken her negotiating position in a future international Conference. On the contrary she would strengthen it. For the argument with which other parties to the Conference are most likely to counter her proposition is that they have no means at their disposal to achieve, the price restoration that is asked of them. And the best answer she could give to such an argument would be to point out that she had herself achieved it in a well-ordered manner within her own boundaries. If a particular firm or industry finds itself unable to market its goods in such quantity and at such a price as to yield a profit, it is natural to suppose that there is some special cause at work. The taste of the public may have changed, the firm or industry may have become less efficient than foreign competitors, its equipment may have been unduly enlarged in the past, and overhead expenses may have become excessive. But when all industries in all countries find themselves in more or less the same plight, it is inappropriate to look for special causes in each. The fault lies on the other side. The monetary system, through which the demand for goods is made effective, must have become deranged. Such is the present position. Falling Output. In a period of normality particular industries may wax or wane, but the total monetary demand for goods in general should cover the total costs of making them, together with a normal rate of profit. Space forbids me to attempt to diagnose the origins of the present depression. Suffice it to say that at some point the demand for consumable goods fell below the supply of them and the level of prices fell without costs of production falling pari passu. In consequence, much production that was formerly profitable became unprofitable, and output, and consequently income, were curbed. This curtailment of income involved a further and severer decline in the demand for goods, and falling output, falling income, and falling demand chased each other in a vicious circle. Yet the gap between prices and costs remains. The problem with which we are faced is how to reverse this process. If a restoration of prices could be effected, much production now unprofitable would become profitable once more, and output, income and expenditure would rise, stimulating as they have obviously fallen. It must be carefully observed, however, that to put the payment of the initial replenishment of income and expenditure required to restore prices must be accompanied by an increase in consumable goods on the market. The ultimate objective is to expand output as well as expenditure. But the initial increase of expenditure required to raise prices and inaugurate the process of expansion must itself be unbalanced by an initial increase of output of consumables. Restoring Prices. How is this unbalanced increase of expenditure to be achieved? The traditional method is to encourage extra capital construction by low interest rates; the earnings of those newly engaged upon it swell expenditure on consumable goods, while their output does not itself consist of consumable goods. Unfortunately, in the present emergency consumption is so low that the capacity of our existing capital equipment is far in excess of requirements. The low rates tempt few to embark on capital expenditure. When public bodies are urged to take a long view at the present time with regard to capital works, it should not be simply with the idea of their doling out a small quantity of employment at perhaps considerable cost. Well-informed opinion holds such a long view to be desirable, because it is a means of increasing earnings without adding to consumable goods, of filling the present gap between costs and prices, and so making a revival of trade in its ordinary channels possible. Difficulties naturally arise, however, when public bodies are asked to go far outside their ordinary routine. New Equalisation Fund. Responsibility ultimately rests at the centre. If the Government was resolutely determined to secure a restoration of prices, it would not fail in its endeavour. The central Government pays out in one form or another about a quarter of the total income of the community, and takes as much from them in taxation. It is thus singularly well placed to affect the balance between the output of consumable goods and the expenditure of the community. Various technical devices are possible. The following is merely proposed by way of illustration. A Currency Equalisation Fund might be established with power to borrow, in the first instance, an amount equal to the Exchange Equalisation Fund (£150,000,000). The object of the Exchange Fund is, in general, to even out fluctuations in the external value of sterling (foreign exchange rates); in particular, it is supposed that it has been used, and would be used again, to prevent an excessive appreciation in the foreign exchange value of sterling. (Continued on Page 11.)

PLAYGROUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN.

Local Association
Formed.

At a meeting of representatives of clubs, associations, and other organisations, held at the P. W. D. board room, last evening, it was unanimously decided to form an association to be called the "Children's Playgrounds Association," with the object of managing play areas for the children of the Colony, for whom such facilities do not at present exist. The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C. M. G., presided. Organisations who had definitely pledged financial support were the Rotary Club, Chinese Y.M.C.A., South China A.A., Kowloon Residents' Association, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, the Euro-American Returned Students' Association, the H. K. Football Association, H. K. Football Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Chinese Badminton Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, and Tai Yee Shing Athletic Association.

TREES ALONG NATHAN RD. MAY BE CUT

Double-Decker Buses
Need Space.

NEW COMPANY'S PLANS FOR EXPANSION

Negotiations for the purchase of buses from the China Motor Bus Company are proceeding smoothly, stated Mr. Louey, manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, in an interview with the "China Mail."

It is intended to open up several new routes very shortly, probably before June 11. Several of the new routes will commence at the Vehicular Ferry wharf at Yaumati.

Mr. Louey stated that at least one double-decker bus will be ordered in the near future. He said that when it is in operation the trees along Nathan Road will have to be cut to allow for the passage of the bus, and the shelter over the roadway at the Star Ferry, will have to be altered.

If the first double-decker bus is a success, more of the same type will be ordered. The first-class accommodation will be upstairs in the new buses, and the second-class downstairs.

It was stated by Mr. Louey that the Company will in future attempt to standardise their buses. At present no decision has been made with regard to the make of vehicle that will be chosen, but the Company will observe the performance of their present buses, which are of various makes, and a choice will be made before any new machines are purchased.

The new routes which it is hoped will be in operation before June 11 include: No. 7 or 8 route, one of which it is intended to divert to pass the vehicular ferry; a route from the vehicular ferry to Laichikok; No. 9 route, from the vehicular ferry to Yuen Long, which will be in operation by May 15; and route No. 13, from the vehicular ferry to Kowloon City via Jordan Road, Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road.

The number of buses serving Prince Edward Road will be increased, and the time table speeded up, to cope with the large volume of traffic experienced when pupils are travelling to and from the various schools on this route.

Mr. Louey stated that the Company had been approached by the Kowloon Residents Association with regard to the establishment of an express bus service to Kowloon Tong, but the Company, after considering the matter, had decided that the small number of passengers on this route did not warrant such a step.

AMERICAN CHINESE ARRESTED

Possessed Revolver
Without Permit.

\$50 FINE IMPOSED.

Lui Yan, an American citizen, and a bona fide traveller, was this morning arrested by Chinese Revenue officers as he was leaving the Blue Funnel liner, s.s. Ixion in possession of an American pattern revolver.

The defendant who was charged in the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. Wynne-Jones, admitted possession, but stated he had no knowledge of the laws of the Colony forbidding the possession of dangerous weapons or arms without a permit.

Lui said it was his intention to go back to Tai Shan in three days, and asked His Worship if he might keep the weapon as protection against robbers.

As the defendant was a bona fide traveller, the Police asked that a nominal fine be imposed and the revolver confiscated.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$50 and ordered the revolver to be confiscated.

SOLD HIS WIFE TO A BROTHEL

Chinese On Serious
Charge.

POLICE GRANTED REMAND

Ho Tin, a 28 year old shop fook, this morning pleaded not guilty before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy, to procuring a Chinese girl named Chung Heung, aged 20, to leave the Colony with intent to become an inmate of a brothel at Kwai Lun Market in the Po On District, Chinese Territory.

Detective Inspector Elston said the accused married the girl last month and a few days after the ceremony, sold her to a Chinese brothel. He asked for seven days formal remand in order that the girl be returned to the Colony before opening the case against the accused.

The accused said the girl left him of her own accord.

His Worship granted a remand of seven days and bail in the sum of \$1,000.

REMOVING DOGS.

Official Permission
Necessary.

PREVENTING SPREAD OF
RABIES.

"This is a very dangerous and serious offence" said Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Magistracy this morning when addressing Chan Wai, who was charged with removing a dog from Yaumati to Hong Kong yesterday evening without permission.

"Tell the accused that the object of the muzzling Ordinance and bye-laws connected with it, were made in order to localise rabies in one particular spot" said Mr. Wynne-Jones.

Inspector Shannon said the dog was of a European breed and had been very well kept, and it was very unlikely that it had come into contact with any diseased dog.

The accused said he was going back to Chinese territory and had brought the dog to Hong Kong in order to take it aboard a ship.

His Worship cautioned the accused and ordered the dog to be kept in custody until such time as the accused left the Colony.

SENTENCE AGAIN POSTPONED.

Chinese Motorist's
Conviction.

Kwok Hung-ki, who has been found guilty of converting to his own use a motor car left in his charge, was this morning remanded for sentence to May 9 by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Magistracy.

The accused who is represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, is at present the defendant in a Coroner's inquiry, into the circumstances surrounding the death of a Chinese female school teacher, Yeung Wai-lee, who was fatally injured when the accused drove motor car No. 3710 over an embankment on the Island Road in Aberdeen on March 11.

Mr. T. P. K. Kemble representing the owner of the other motor car, asked His Worship to adjudicate the ownership of the vehicle, but His Worship said he could not accept Mr. Kemble's application in the absence of Mr. Prentis, who is prosecuting.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB ENTERTAINMENT.

Enjoyable Programme.

The St. Andrew's Church Hall was packed to capacity last night, when the St. Andrew's Club presented "The Bishop's Candlesticks" and two comedy sketches before an appreciative audience.

"The Bishop's Candlesticks" which formed the second half of the programme was very entertaining, good acting serving the main ingredient to its success.

George Griggs and Rita Cole were well suited to their respective parts of the Bishop and his sister, while Sydney West and Ralph Dormer, as the convict and gendarme, were outstanding. Iris Woolley filled a minor role of maid to perfection.

The two other comedies, "Tip-tilt" and "Cyranos de Bermondsey" were excellent and brought forth many laughs.

Miss D. King entertained the audience to three songs, between the plays while violin solos were also appreciated.

\$1,500,000 NEW BUS COMPANY

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Already.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR SALE OF PRESENT BUSES

An official of the China Motor Bus Company, in an interview with the "China Mail," declared that the rumour now in circulation, to the effect that the Company is lacking in capital was unfounded.

He stated that a new Company had been formed with a capital of \$1,500,000, of which \$1,000,000 has been almost fully allotted.

Negotiations for the sale and purchase of buses by the Company were still in progress, he said.

Dealing with the sale of their buses to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, he said that his Company had not yet received a reply from that Company regarding the sale price of the buses.

A certain amount of disagreement has resulted in regard to the Company's purchase of buses from the Hong Kong Hotel Company, the Tramway Company and the Aberdeen Kai-fong Bus Company.

The Companies named have based the selling price of their vehicles upon the rate of exchange prevailing at present, whereas the China Bus Company's offer has been based on the price of sterling obtaining at the time that the buses were purchased.

The prices asked by the three selling Companies is as follows: Hong Kong Hotel Company \$22,000, for 36 buses, Hong Kong Tramway Company \$5,500, for 8 buses, and the Aberdeen Kai-fong Bus Company, \$53,000, for 11 buses.

This is considered excessive by the China Motor Bus Company, who have made a new offer to the Companies concerned in which they have pointed out the great difference between the price of sterling to-day and at the time that the buses were purchased, said the official.

If it is found necessary for the Government to act as arbitrators in the matter, the Government cannot force the vendors to sell at the price named.

If the three companies concerned do not wish to sell, the China Bus Company will bring their total of 46 buses to the Island.

The 46 buses are considered quite sufficient to cover all routes at present in existence, and the Company has at present no intention of extending routes, or of introducing new ones. If the Company does purchase vehicles from the Companies now operating on the Island, they will sell all except 10 of their buses to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company.

These will be brought over to the Island to augment the present number of buses, declared the China Motor Bus Company representative.

News In Brief.

The pupils of Mr. Frederick Mason, A. R. C. O., L. T. C. L., gave a very enjoyable concert at St. John's Cathedral Hall last night.

Wan Chai, a 23 year old Chinese concubine was found hanging by the neck from a nail at No. 121 Keelung Street, late last night. She was already dead when cut down.

Cheung Wah, an old Chinese employee of the Naval Sanatorium at the Peak, suddenly collapsed and died yesterday afternoon, while working in the yard of the Royal Naval Hospital.

While proceeding to the typhoon shelter at Cheungshawan late last night, trading junk T668H, came into collision with another trading junk No. T2664H near Yaumati, and sustained damage to the extent of \$50.

Probate in the goods of Theodore Ozzane Ogier, late chief officer of the s.s. Kwong Sai, who died on December 8, 1932, has been granted to Michael Howard Turner, lawful attorney for grant of Letters of Administration. The estate was valued at \$1,500.

Yip Shan, residing at 181 Young Choi Street, Shamshuipo, in his report to the Traffic office last night, stated that while driving a motor tender belonging to the Shing Mun Dam works near the Castle Peak Road past Keelung Street, a Chinese boy Cheung Ng ran into the path of his vehicle and was knocked down. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

To-Day's Short Story.

TEIG O'KANE AND THE CORPSE

THERE was once a grown-up lad in the County Leitrim, and he was strong and lively, and the son of a rich farmer. His father had plenty of money, and he did not spare it on the son. Accordingly, when the boy grew up he liked sport better than work, and as his father had no other children, he loved this one so much that he allowed him to do in everything just as it pleased himself.

He was very extravagant, and he used to scatter the gold money as another person would scatter the white. He was seldom to be found at home, but if there was a fair, or a race, or a gathering within ten miles of him, you were dead certain to find him there. And he seldom spent a night in his father's house, but he used to be always out rambling, and, like Shown Bwee long ago, there was

"gradh gach cailin i mbrallach a leine."

"The love of every girl in the breast of his shirt," and it's many's the kiss he got and he gave, for he was very handsome, and there wasn't a girl in the country but would fall in love with him, only for him to fasten his two eyes on her.

At last he became very wild and unruly. He wasn't to be seen day or night in his father's house, but always rambling or going on his kailoo (night visit) from place to place and from house to house.

He used to be always gambling and cardplaying and drinking, but his father never minded his bad habits, and never punished him. But it happened one day that the old man was told that the son had ruined the character of a girl in the neighbourhood, and he was greatly angry, and he called the son to him, and said to him, quietly and sensibly: "Avic," says he, "you know I loved you greatly up to this, and I never stopped you from doing your choice thing whatever it was, and I kept plenty of money with you, and I always hoped to leave you the house and land, and all I had, after myself, would be gone; but I heard a story of you to-day that has disgusted me with you. I cannot tell you the grief that I felt when I heard such a thing of you,

and I tell you now plainly that unless you marry that girl I'll leave house and land and everything to my brother's son. I never could leave it to anyone who would make so bad a use of it as you do yourself, deceiving women and coaxing girls. Settle with yourself now whether you'll marry that girl and get my land as a fortune with her, or refuse to marry her and give up all that was coming to you; and tell me in the morning which of the two things you have chosen."

"Och! murder, sheery! father, you wouldn't say that to me, and I such a good son as I am. Who told you I wouldn't marry the girl?" says he.

But the father was gone, and the lad knew well enough that he would keep his word, too; and he was greatly troubled in his mind, for as quiet and as kind as the father was, he never went back of a word that he had once said.

The boy did not know rightly what to do. He was in love with the girl indeed, and he hoped to marry her sometime or other, but he would much sooner have remained another while as he was, and follow on at his old tricks—drinking, sporting and playing cards; and, along with that, he was angry that his father should order him to marry, and should threaten him if he did not do it.

TO-MORROW'S STORY.

To-morrow's story will be "Purple Cap," by Rupert Grayson.

His mind was so much excited that he remained between two notions as to what he should do. He walked out into the night at last to cool his heated blood and went on to the road. He lit a pipe, and as the night was fine he walked and walked on, until the quick pace made him begin to forget his trouble. The night was bright, and the moon half full. There was not a breath of wind blowing, and the air was calm and mild. He walked on for nearly three hours, when he suddenly remembered that it was late in the night, and time for him to turn. "Mueha! I think I forgot myself," says he; "it must be near 12 o'clock now."

The word was hardly out of his mouth when he heard the sound of many voices and the trampling of feet on the road before him. "I don't know who can be out so late at night as this, and on such a lonely road," said he to himself.

He stood listening and he heard the voices of many people talking through other, but he could not understand what they were saying. "Oh, werra!" says he, "I'm afraid. It's not Irish or English they have; it can't be they're Frenchmen!"

He went on a couple of yards farther, and he saw well enough by the light of the moon a band of little people coming towards him, and they were carrying something big and heavy with them. "Oh, murder!" says he to himself, "sure it can't be that they're the good people that's in it!" Every rib of hair that was on his head stood up.

He looked at them again and perceived that there were about twenty little men in it, and there was not a man at all of them higher than about three feet or three feet and half, and some of them were grey and seemed very old. He looked again, but he could not make out what was the heavy thing they were carrying until they came up to him, and then they all stood round about him. They threw the heavy thing down on the road, and he saw on the spot that it was a dead body.

He became as cold as the Death, and there was not a drop of blood running in his veins when an old little grey man came up to him and said: "Isn't it lucky we met you, Teig O'Kane?"

"Poor Teig could not bring out a word at all nor open his lips, if he were to get the world for it, and so he gave no answer."

"Teig O'Kane," said the little grey man again, "isn't it timely you met us?"

"Teig could not answer him."

"Teig O'Kane," says he, "the third time, isn't it lucky and timely that we met you?"

But Teig remained silent, for he was afraid to reply, an answer, and his tongue was as if it was tied to the root of his mouth.

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KENTUCKY DERBY TO-MORROW

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New York, April 16. A FIELD of 118 three-year-olds, from which the champion of 1933 may emerge, has been nominated for the 59th running of the \$50,000-added Kentucky Derby to be run at Churchill Downs, Ky., on May 6.

The long list, announced by Col. Matt J. Winn, president of the American Turf Association and executive director of Churchill Downs, Inc., showed entries of 80 colts, 33 geldings and five fillies, but lacked the names of several conspicuous stake winners of the 1933 campaigns.

While none of the eligibles so far has shown a particularly distinguished record, turf men realize that horses such as Exterminator and Black Gold have in the past risen to fame from none too promising fields.

Willis Sharpe Kilmer, whose Exterminator won the Derby in 1918, leads the list of nominators with seven eligibles.

Edward R. Bradley, native Kentuckian whose white and green silks have triumphed in three derbies, has named six of his speedsters but neglected to include the fillies, Barn Swallow and Algeria, in the list.

Bradley, winner of last year's derby with Burgoo King, captured first and second money in the 1921 running with Behave Yourself and Black Servant and duplicated this feat in 1926 with Bubbling Over and Bagenbaggage. His candidates for this year's renewal of the blue grass prize are a mediocre lot, none of them having won a stake race in their juvenile year.

William R. Coe, owner of Ladysman, which rules as the winter book favourite, by virtue of being America's leading two year old in 1932, has entered four, as have William Woodward, whose Gallant Fox triumphed in 1932, and the Greentree Stable of Mrs. Payne Whitney, owner of Twenty Grand, which set a new derby record of 2:01.2-5 in winning the classic in 1931.

Ever a glamorous event, the Kentucky Derby has been staged annually since 1875 and each year attracts the nation's best three-year-olds. With the purse of the Pimlico Preakness slashed to \$25,000 in added money and few companions, stakes having an equal value, the field this year may surpass the record number of 22 that paraded to the post in 1928, which Reigh Count splashed to victory over a track ankle-deep in mud.

The Shandon Farm, winner of this year's Jefferson Park derby with the American Flag filly, at top, and runner-up with the gold-



ing Ennis in the same event, named both of these consistent winter campaigners to the Kentucky classic with Swivel, Technique, Jessie Dear and Bamboula, the other fillies named.

Swivel, unquestionably the best of the fillies of last year, beat the best colts in training in winning over the one mile and a sixteenth of Pimlico futurity, and looms as one of the choicest should she go to the post on derby day.

Twenty stake winners of 1932 are regarded as almost certain starters and have already started training for the gruelling test. They are: Ladysman, Kerry, Patch, Swivel, Caterwaul, The Darb Technique, Crowning Glory, Projectile, Head Play, Dynastic, Repaid, Balios, Sandy Bill, Garden Message, Poppyman, Sarada, Red Whisk, War Glory, Good Advice and Tractable.

The following eligibles, winners of one or more stakes last season, were omitted from the list of 1933 nomination: Cutie Face, Lady Day, Hilena, Illusive, Isseult, Lucille K., Many, Miss Bunting, Notebook, Pane Franka, Tickery Tock, Speed Boat, Sunnyside Up, Timorous, Volette and Wise Anne.—United Press.

JAPANESE ATHLETES TO S. AMERICA.

Nipponese Trackmen
To Compete In Latin
Countries.

Tokyo, April 16. The All-Japan Athletic Union has decided to send its picked athletes to South America, at the latter's invitation.

South American countries want Japan to send Japanese representative athletes in short and middle distance as well as in jumping, for which the Union is selecting two each for the three kinds of sport from among the student athletes.

The most probable travellers to South America are reported to be: Short distance—Byotoku Yoshiko, Itaro Nakashima, and Shoyei Fujiyeda. Middle distance—Iwao Nishi and Cho Sei-ken. Jumping—Shuhei Nishida.

Mr. Chuhel Nambu, the world record-holder in the broad-jump, will be the leader of the party which, on its way, will call at San Francisco.

In South America, the Japanese athletes will compete in Brazil, Peru, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay, and, on their return, they will visit Mexico.

They are leaving Japan on June 20.—Rengo.

NEW YORK SUCCESSES IN U.S. BASEBALL

Giants "Double," And
Yankees Win.

LAZZERI'S FIFTH HOMER

New York, To-day.

New York enjoyed considerable success in yesterday's baseball programme, the Giants returning to form with a "double" win over the Cubs, and the Yankees winning over the Tigers by 5 to 2.

Lazzeri hit his fifth homer this season in the game against Detroit, and only a homer by Gehringer in the ninth innings spoiled Gomez's record of no hits in the game.

Results as cabled by Reuter were as follow:—

National League.			
	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	8	2
New York	2	6	0
Chicago	4	8	4
English hit a homer.			
New York	5	8	2
Davis hit a homer.			
Cincinnati	4	12	0
Hafey hit a homer.			
Boston	0	1	0
Johnson pitched.			
Pittsburgh	2	8	0
Brooklyn	1	6	0
Game went to 10th innings.			
St. Louis	5	11	2
Philadelphia	2	6	0

American League.			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	8	0
Lazzeri hit a homer.			
Detroit	2	2	0
Gehringer hit a homer.			
Philadelphia	1	5	2
Chicago	2	6	0
Washington	5	9	1
Cleveland	6	11	3

TABLES TO DATE

National League.			
	W.	L.	Per.
Pittsburgh	13	3	.312
New York	9	6	.600
Boston	8	9	.471
St. Louis	8	9	.471
Brooklyn	7	8	.466
Cincinnati	7	8	.466
Chicago	7	10	.411
Philadelphia	6	12	.333
American League.			
New York	12	5	.705
Chicago	11	7	.611
Cleveland	11	7	.611
Washington	10	7	.588
Detroit	9	9	.500
Philadelphia	6	11	.352
St. Louis	7	13	.350
Boston	5	12	.293

All-Round Athlete Challenges to Forty Events

MAURICE BYRON claims to be the champion all-round athlete of the world. He certainly has sound claims to the title, and is prepared to back them to the tune of £100 in a match with anybody in the world.

His career as an athlete is a remarkable one and his versatility amazing. Wrestler, boxer, sculler, swimmer, runner, cyclist, walker, jumper (long and high), gymnast, time, and in 1925 reached the finals club-swinging, roller-skater—Byron has filled every role with distinction.

So confident is he of his ability that Byron, who now lives in Kent, by the way—is willing to include 40 events in a contest with anyone living, and to wager £100 on the result. He suggests that two points should be awarded for a win and one for a tie.

Should some amateur athlete care to accept this sweeping challenge, then Byron will gladly enter the arena for "love of the game," and accept any monetary consideration.

Everything apparently is afoot that comes to Byron's athletic mill, for in the four wrestling duels that he suggests he includes, in addition to catch-as-catch-can, Cumberland and Gracie Roman, the all-time

Byron is not enamoured of all-in wrestling, in which he claims to be supreme at his weight (11st. 7lb.), but if any prospective opponent has a fancy for this type of manhandling he is quite willing to oblige.

Byron has enjoyed considerable success as a wrestler. He was champion of the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in the Cairo-Suez Canal zone and Palestine, and in 1925 reached the finals of both the middle and welterweight divisions of the amateur championships of Great Britain.

He was selected as welter-weight catch-as-catch-can representative of Britain for the Olympic Games in 1928, but was unable to appear as he broke an ankle.

Byron, who is 38 years old, has been equally successful in many other branches of sport, having won boxing, swimming, rowing, running, walking, and many other honours.

He is also a useful footballer, and in 1914 he played centre-half for 12nd East Anglian Field Ambulance in the Army Cup. There would appear to be hardly a sport that Byron has not sampled, and found to his liking, so it is not surprising that he has only to accept Byron's challenge.

BODY TENSION IN GOLF BOBBY JONES POINTS OUT A FEW FAULTS

BOBBY Jones was just starting back to Hollywood for his new film series. His idea is to give the correct picture of how every stroke should be played, and then to show some of the most common faults of the average player, and just how these faults might be cured. So I asked if he could outline in advance just what he thinks the most common faults of the average golfer are, writes Grantland Rice.

"I have been asked that question several times," he said "and it has always been a puzzler. Many of them are on the mechanical side. Many other are mental. In the first place I should say that the average golfer rarely has any correct picture of the right swing. He is working in the dark, flying in fog and clouds."

"Suppose we take the mechanical side first," I suggested.

"It is hard to separate the two," he said. "In the first place, the average golfer gives you the appearance of being tied in knots as he addresses the ball. He is entirely too rigid. This is largely due to an overkeen, over-eager mental side. The true golf swing calls for club head speed, which can come only from flowing muscles, not muscles knotted by high tension. For example, you hear a lot about overswinging. The average golfer does not overswing—he underswings. He doesn't take the club head back far enough, and this goes for every shot from a put to a drive. As a rule, he starts his down swing before his back swing is finished. Why? Because he is thinking more about hitting the ball than he is about the full stroke needed to hit the ball. He is thinking ahead of the swing—in terms of the down swing and not the back swing, which is the first important move."

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Battle Against Instincts.

"Here is another common fault," Bobby added. "The average golfer does not take the club back with the left hand in control—doesn't let the left side come round. And then he fails to cock his wrists at the top. You know the result. He suddenly knows that he has no power to put in the down swing. He has no hand action or wrist action to call on. Sensing this he promptly throws his right shoulder and his whole body into action to fill up the gap. He is instinctively trying to locate some touch of power which he has already thrown away. This matter of hitting with the right side is one of the great faults of golf. It is the power side in most games which requires forward hitting. It seems to be the natural thing to do. But of course it isn't the right thing to do. You know golf is largely a battle against natural instincts. Maybe that is one reason why it is so interesting. Starting your down swing with the left hand and wrist in control is not the natural way. And yet it is the right way."

"I don't believe one golfer out of ten has wrists in the right position at the top of his swing. Nine out of ten are wrist-locked and this simply means the main hinge is locked. Most incorrect body action comes from failure to use the hands and wrists as they should be used. After all, they are in closest contact with the club. Sometimes I feel that incorrect use of the wrists and hands is about the worst fault in golf, because this leads right away to many of the body faults."

"The Approach Putt. Suppose we get back to a simple case for study. We will take an approach putt of 30 feet or thereabouts. I always like to let the putting blade come well back. It should flow back without being suddenly stopped. But what happens? With the average golfer it is taken back about half as far. Then the body is lurched forward, for all wrist action has been ruined with the shortened back swing. You will always find the body rearing in this way, trying to help out when



there is too much tightness in hands or wrists or legs. "Why is it that you stand with your feet so close together?" I asked.

"Because that is the natural way to stand. The minute you spread your feet well apart you are tightening up several important muscles. You are just heading for greater tension. I want all the ease and flexibility I can get. I like to play by drives with the feet not more than twelve or thirteen inches apart. As the shot gets shorter, I lessen this space up to an inch or two on short pitches. I think the average golfer should also stand straighter than he does—not lean or bend over so much. Let him take a position, which has more comfort and ease, a position of little or no strain, a position he could hold indefinitely without getting tired."

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HAGEN RETIRING THIS YEAR.

Last Attempt To Win
Double Crown.

Chicago, April 13. The famous showman of the fairways, Walter Hagen, proposes to retire from all active competition after his 1933 golf engagements in America and abroad.

He is to wage a serious campaign to recover his major titles on both sides of the Atlantic, captain America's Ryder Cup team to victory in England, and then to retire to the business of designing golf clubs and equipment. Hagen has been one of the big money winners of the current winter campaign, with his total earnings placed at around \$2,000, but he is 40 now, and his connection with a golf club manufacturing house is demanding more and more of his time.

Hagen has won the American national open twice, in 1914 and 1919; captured the British open four times, in 1922-24-28-29; won the professional golf championship of the United States five times, in 1921-24-25-26-27; and the metropolitan title in 1916-19-20. The western open championship has belonged to him five times, in 1916-21-26-27-32. Canada's open escaped him until 1931. He has captained all America's Ryder Cup teams in official play.—Reuter.

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TANDA	7,000	6th May	Shanghai, Moji, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KIDDERPORE	5,800	10th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Nagoya.
*BURDWAN	6,100	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	18th May	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KAISAR-I-HIND	12,000	18th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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Britain's Lead On Currency Policy

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The Currency Equalisation Fund would be used to control the internal value of sterling in terms of commodities, in particular, to counteract the excessive appreciation of recent years, and thereafter generally to prevent fluctuations.

The immediate task is to revive prices and expenditure. The fund would, therefore, be drawn upon at once to finance Government expenditure. This does not mean that the Government would necessarily embark on new capital undertakings; it is probable, however, that there are various schemes which could be undertaken and financed from it with advantage.

For the rest, the Government would draw upon the fund to finance its present expenditure and reduce present rates of taxation.

Reduction of Taxes.

It does not often happen that popular desire and the general interest coincide. Yet, strangely enough, in this most critical of times they do. Tax reduction would at once be popular, and tend to bring about the required revival of expenditure.

To secure the revival, however, it is essential that the tax reduction should not be accompanied by an equivalent reduction of Government expenditure; for it is the essence of the scheme to increase the balance of the community's income, which it can expend upon consumable commodities. Tax reduction, balanced by a reduction of Government expenditure, does not add to the community's spendable income.

The avoidance of waste and extravagance is always a good thing; reductions of Government expenditure along these lines may be desirable and possible; on the other hand, it is possible that justice or expediency demands an increase along other lines; whether there be a net reduction on balance or not, it is vital that the tax reduction should exceed it.

It is often urged that domestic monetary policy should wait on international co-operation. Since a substantial revival of our export trades must depend on world recovery, it is important for us to work strenuously to secure this. But I have already argued that immediate independent action would strengthen rather than injure our tactical position at an international conference.

For World Recovery.

Apart from tactical considerations, the only substantial argument against independent action is that it might injure sterling in the foreign exchange market. This can, however, be met. A drop in sterling might be due to three causes, a drop in its "proper" value measured in terms of other currencies; bear speculation, or loss of confidence.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in port yesterday:-

Basin—Tamar.	East Wall—Moorhen, Perseus, Olympus, Otus.
North Arm—Bruce, Witch, Parthian, Phoenix.	West Wall—Folkestone and Whitehead.
Dock—Tarantula and Sandwich.	No. 2 Buoy—Medway and Submarines.
No. 6 Buoy—Vindictive.	No. 8 Buoy—Veteran.
Foreign—French, Algol; Chinese, HoI Chau.	

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. & Apcar Line s.s. Takada which left Amoy yesterday afternoon is due here to-day.
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To take the last-mentioned cause first, it is essential that confidence should be sustained. A Government struggling with unmanageable deficits, afraid or unable to impose new taxes, is a spectacle likely to shake confidence.

But a strong Government, deliberately and voluntarily reducing taxation with a specific end in view, as its contribution to world recovery, should be able to retain, and should, indeed, enhance, its prestige. Bear speculation will only succeed if it shakes confidence, or if the monetary authority is weak.

The bears are not likely to have sufficient funds to depress sterling for long unless they provoke a general flight from sterling. If their action is countered at the outset by vigorous support to the currency, so that it has no perceptible effect on exchange rates, and if the position at home is kept well in hand so as to give the general public no grounds for alarm, the country need have little to fear from the speculators. There remains for consideration the question of the "proper" value of sterling. An internal increase of consumption at home unaccompanied by a world revival would tend to

increase imports without producing a counter-balancing increase of exports.

To secure the balance it might be necessary for sterling to fall somewhat, in order to make our exports cheaper for the foreign consumer. Such a fall might be found to be the natural corollary of the policy and would not in itself be undesirable.

The position of the objector is tantamount to this: "I cannot let your people come back into employment and a trade revival occur, because this might cause your people to import more food and raw materials, and so cause sterling to fall to a new level." To admit such an objection as final would, indeed, be the logical extreme of defeatism.

The time is ripe for action; the opportunity is ours. For a period some stability has been reached, but the depression is so great that there is no margin of safety. An adverse turn abroad might precipitate a further crisis. Therefore to wait events seems fraught with danger.

The policy suggested may be without precedent in time of peace, but it proposes nothing that should not commend itself to simple common sense and clear thinking.

TEIG O'KANE AND THE CORPSE

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Teig drew over towards the old burying place, and he was not more than about twenty yards from it when, raising his eyes, he saw hundreds and hundreds of ghosts—men, women and children—sitting on the top of the wall round about, or standing on the inside of it, or running backwards and forwards, and pointing at him, while he could see their mouths opening and shutting as if they were speaking, though he heard no word.

He was afraid to go forward, so he stood where he was, and the moment he stood, all the ghosts became quiet and ceased moving. Then Teig understood that it was trying to keep him from going in that they were. He walked a couple of yards forward, and immediately the whole crowd rushed together towards the spot to which he was moving, and they stood so thickly together that it seemed to him that he never could break through them, even though he had a mind to try. But he had no mind to try it.

He went back broken and dispirited, and when he had gone a couple of hundred yards from the burying ground he stood again, for he did not know which way he was to go. He heard the voice of the corpse in his ear, saying, "Teampoll-Bonnain," and the skinny hand was stretched out again.

As tired as he was he had to walk, and the road was neither short nor even, and it was difficult to make his way. Many were the toss he got, and many a bruise they left on his body. At last he saw Teampoll-Bonnain in the distance, standing in the middle of the burying-ground. He moved over towards it, and thought he was all right and safe when he saw no ghosts nor anything else on the wall, and he thought he would never be hindered now from leaving, but his load off him at last. He moved over to the gate, but as he was passing in he tripped on the threshold. Before he could recover himself, something that he could not see seized him by the neck, by the hands, and by the feet, and bruised him, and shook him up, and choked him, until he was nearly dead; and at last he was lifted up, and carried more than a hundred yards from that place, and then thrown down in an old dyke, with the corpse still clinging to him.

He rose up, bruised and sore, but feared to go near the place again. "You corpse, up on my back," said he, "I shall go over again to the churchyard"—but the corpse never answered him. "That's a sign you don't wish me to try it again," said Teig.

He was now in great doubt as to what he ought to do, when the corpse spoke in his ear and said, "Imloque-Phada." "Oh, murder!" said Teig. "Must I bring you there? If you keep me long walking like this, I tell you, I'll fall under you." He went on, however, in the direction the corpse pointed out to him. He could not have told himself how long he had been going when the dead man behind suddenly squeezed him and said, "There!"

red, with blue streaks in it, and went round about the wall in one course, and it swept by as fast as the swallow in the clouds, and the longer Teig remained looking at it the faster it went, till at last it became like a bright ring of flame round the old graveyard, which no one could pass without being burnt by it. Teig never saw, from the time he was born, and never afterwards, so wonderful or so splendid a sight as that was. Round went the flame, white and yellow and blue sparks leaping out from it as it went, and although at first it had been no more than a thin, narrow line, it increased slowly until it was at last a great broad band, and it was continually getting broader and higher and throwing out more brilliant sparks, till there was never a colour on the ridge of the earth that was not to be seen in that fire; and lightning never shone and flame never flamed so shining and so bright.

Teig was amazed; he was half dead with fatigue, and he had no courage left to approach that wall. There fell a mist over his eyes, and there came a sorrow in his head, and he was obliged to sit down upon a great stone to recover himself.

As he sat there on the stone the voice whispered once more in his ear, "Kill-Bredya"; and the dead man squeezed him so tightly that he cried out. He rose again, sick, tired and trembling, and went forward as he was directed. The wind was cold, and the road was bad, and the load upon his back was heavy, and the night was dark, and he himself was nearly worn out.

At last the corpse stretched out its hand and said to him, "Bury me there." "This is the last burying-place," said Teig in his own mind; "and the little grey man said I'd be allowed to bury him in some of them, so it must be this; it can't be but they'll let him in here." The first faint streak of the ring of the clouds were beginning to catch fire, but it was darker than ever, for the moon was set, and there were no stars.

"Make haste, make haste!" said the corpse; and Teig hurried forward as well as he could to the graveyard, which was a little place on a bare hill, with only a few graves in it. He walked boldly in through the open gate, and then stood up and looked round him for a spade or shovel to make a grave. As he was turning round and searching he suddenly perceived what startled him greatly—a newly-dug grave right before him. He moved over to it and looked down, and there at the bottom he saw a black coffin. He clambered down into the hole and lifted the lid, and found that (as he thought it would be) the coffin was empty. He had hardly mounted up out of the hole and was standing on the brink when the corpse, which had clung to him for more than eight hours, suddenly relaxed its hold of his neck and loosened its shins from round his hips, and sank down with a flop into the open coffin.

Teig fell down on his two knees at the brink of the grave and gave thanks to God. He made no delay then, but pressed down the coffin lid in its place, and threw in the clay over it with his two hands; and when the grave was filled in he stamped and leaped on it with his feet until it was firm and hard. The sun was fast rising as he finished his work, and the first thing he did was to return to the road and look out for a house to rest himself in. He found an inn at last, and lay down upon a bed there and slept till night.



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Hunting Expeditions Cause Exodus.

Helsingfors.
Hundreds of wild animals are fleeing from Soviet Russia. All along the line from Finland to Poland, frontier guards report that large herds of wild boar, wolves and foxes are constantly crossing the border. The phenomenon is particularly noticeable in Poland.

The cause of this general exodus is attributed to the numerous and intensive hunting expeditions which are at present being carried out in Russia. — Reuter.

STEEL SKY-NETS TO CATCH ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

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A network of fine steel stretched across the sky at a height of two and a half miles to entrap attacking aircraft is the latest device of French inventors for air defence purposes.

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Experiments with this new defensive system are now in progress at Toulon. — Reuter.

FREE STATE RIFT WITH BRITAIN

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clauses purporting not only to abolish the requirement of the Parliamentary oath, but also to repeal those provisions of the Constitution of the Irish Free State which set out that Treaty, and had the force of law and of over-riding authority in relation to the Constitution.

As regards the position which arises on the passage of the legislation, the Government in the United Kingdom considered that the passing of the Bill would not affect the duty of allegiance to the King or amount to an act of succession.

They were advised that the allegiance of members of the Irish Free State Parliament did not depend upon the swearing of the oath, which, by Treaty and Constitution they were required to take, and therefore that failure to take the oath was not in itself a repudiation of allegiance.

This, however, did not alter the fact that in the view of the Government in the United Kingdom, the removal of the oath was a breach of the Treaty.—British Wireless Service.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Archibald Nelson Jones, medical practitioner, of the War Memorial Nursing Home, and Constance Vera Riley, of 50, The Peak.

FRENCH SOLDIERS HOPE FOR RISE.

Poorest Paid Of All European Militia.

Paris.

The French trooper is hoping to get a "rise," for a private Member's bill has been drafted which would give him 10d. a day instead of his present 2½d. (at par).

Compared with his continental brothers-in-arms, the French soldier has always been in a "delicate state of wealth," and he has looked with envy on the Swiss drawing his daily 1s. 3d., the Spaniard his 7d., the Portuguese his 6d., and the Italian his 3½d.—not to mention the British "Tommy" who receives about 2s. a day.—Reuter.

EDISON POWER IS NEW MEASUREMENT.

Prague.

A unit of several candle-power will in future be known as "Edison-power," according to information received by the "Prager Presse" here.

The central committee of the International Electro-Technical Commission is reported to have adopted the Czech-Slovak suggestion to honour the famous inventor by naming a unit of light after him. — Reuter.

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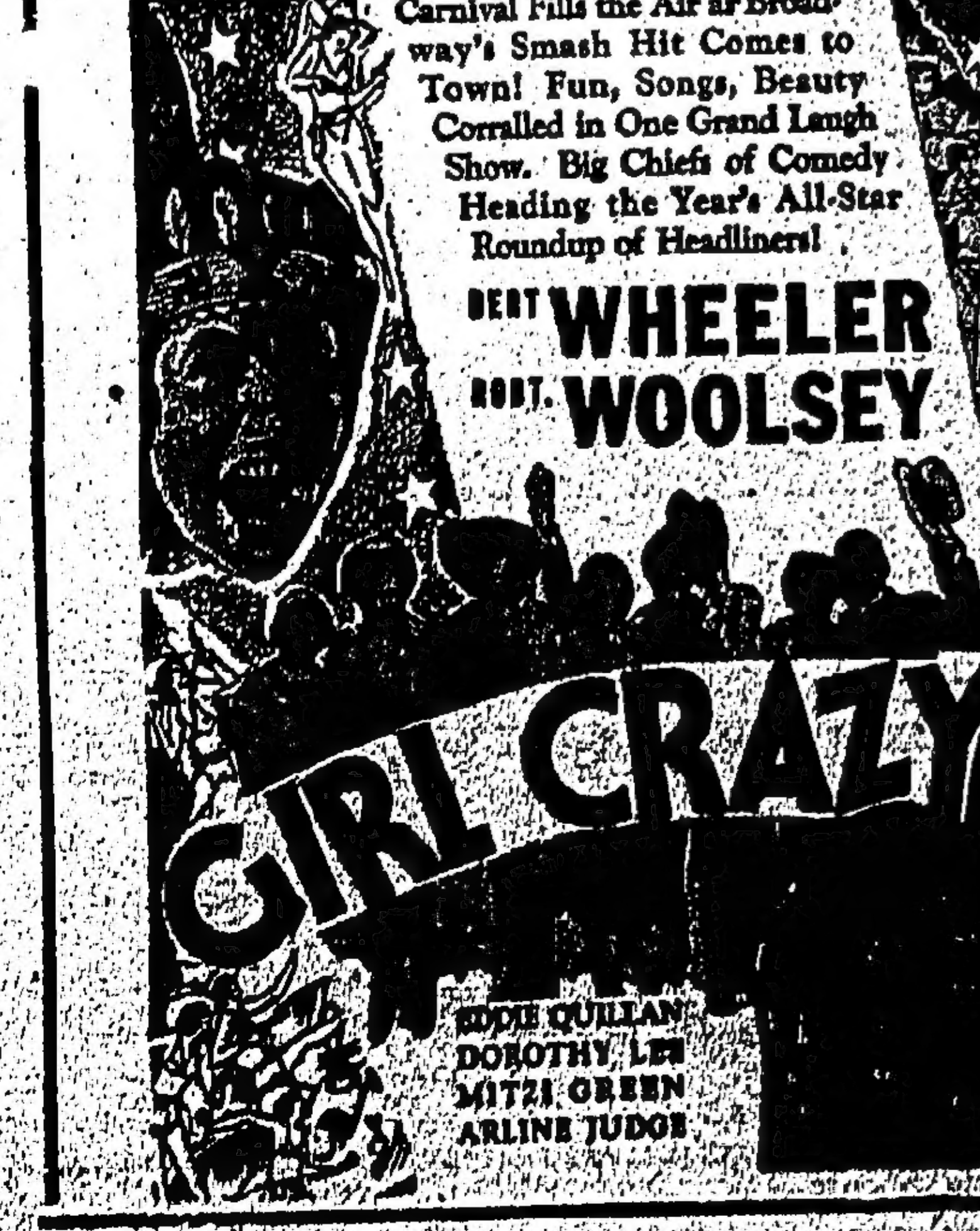
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